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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
AND LAND USE

December 21, 2006

RE: Habitat Evaluation for APN numbers: 394-350-26, 31, 32 and 33.

Dear Mr. Stewart,

A site visit was made to the above APN numbers by Associate Biologist, Sara Thorne on November 9, 2006, from 0930 to 1000. The temperature was 67 degrees Fahrenheit. The skies were 70 percent cloudy and the winds were 0 to 1 miles per hour. The results of the survey are summarized below.

Three habitats were observed onsite; developed, disturbed and non-native grassland. These habitats were mapped and are included on the attached biological resources map. Within the developed habitat are a private driveway, a single family residence and outbuildings. Ornamental plantings and landscaping including Peruvian pepper tree (*Schinus molle*), jade plant (*Crassula argentea*) and several varieties of palms and citrus trees occur in this habitat. Approximately 1.5 acres of developed habitat occurs onsite.

The disturbed habitat onsite is generally dirt and bare ground that has been cleared and maintained for fuel modification for the existing single family residence, as well as residences on adjacent properties. A couple weed species occur randomly amongst the bare ground including cheeseweed (*Malva parviflora*) and prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*). The majority of this habitat occurs on APN numbers 394-350-32 and 33. The disturbed habitat on these parcels has been repeatedly driven over and does not support vegetation. Approximately 1.65 acres of disturbed habitat occur onsite.

The remainder of the site is non-native grassland. The dominant species include black mustard (*Brassica nigra*), wild oat (*Avena* sp.), Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*), cheeseweed and foxtail (*Bromus* sp.). Approximately 1.2 acres of non-native grassland occur onsite.

Few wildlife species were observed during the site visit. Wildlife species observed include; two common ravens (*Corvus corax*) overhead, one scrub jay (*Aphelocoma californica*) in the developed habitat and red ants (**Family Formicidae**) and gopher holes in the disturbed habitat.

Recommended mitigation for impacts to 1.2 acres of non-native grassland is acquisition of 0.6 acres of Tier III or higher habitat within a pre-approved mitigation bank. The recommended mitigation conforms with the requirements of the Biological Mitigation Ordinance.

This summarizes the results of the survey conducted on November 9, 2006. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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County Certified Biologist